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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 14, 15, 26 and 27 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 4-13, 16-25 and 28-42 stand rejected. Claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42 are independent. By this amendment, independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42 are amended. No new matter has been amended.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 4-6, 8-11, 13, 16-18, 20-23, 25, 28-30, 32-35 and 37-42 have been repeatedly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,654,060 to Kurosawa ("Kurosawa").

The Examiner indicates in the *Response to Arguments* section that Kurosawa's supplying of the status information to the terminal is equivalent to the "interactive communication" of the present invention as featured in independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42.

Independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42 have been amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites that "the predetermined action is configured to enable the user to actively control an object within the current image sensing range of the camera." Other independent claims (i.e., claims 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42) have been amended in a similar manner to claim 1 as described herein.

One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in the amended claims is that a user can actively control an object displayed on a display device. For example, referring to Fig.

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18 of the original specification, while the display device displays a printer in an office, the user may control not only the camera but also the printer, e.g., setting the printer parameters etc.

In contrast, in Kurosawa's image control apparatus, while a user may be receiving status information of a displayed object, the user may not be able to actively control the displayed object. Applicant believes that Kurosawa's monitoring function of the displayed object differs from the control function of the present invention.

Accordingly, each of claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Kurosawa for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25, 32 and 37-42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4618). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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